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1. 16 APRIL RODERICK CLAFLIN BROWN, PANAMANIAN NATIONAL,
BORN 1 JULY 1917, BRITISH HONDURAS, VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS (DENI) OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND SIGNED
DEPOSITION HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH AS FOLLOWS:

(1) 26 OCTOBER 1962 SERVED AS COOK/SEAMAN ABOARD
TEXACO S.S. SOUTHAMPTON WHICH DOCKED AT MOBILE, ALABAMA.

(2) ON SHORE VISIT TO MOBILE AIRPORT MORNING OF
26 OCTOBER IN COMPANY TWO FELLOW PANAMANIAN/SEAMAN HE APPROACHED
BY MARVIN P. LITRELL, OWNER, LITRELL MOTOR CO., 921-25 SOUTH
CLINTON STREET, ATHENS, ALABAMA, WHO AFTER ASCERTAINING BROWN
PANAMANIAN SEAMAN, ASKED IF HE KNEW OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

(3) LITRELL INQUIRED WHETHER BROWN INTERESTED IN EMPLOY-
MENT, DETAILS OF WHICH UNSPECIFIED. WENT ON TO DESCRIBE DR. KING
AS "OUR GREATEST PROBLEM WHO IS CAUSING US MUCH TROUBLE." GAVE
BROWN BUSINESS CARD TO USE IN EVENT HE INTERESTED IN PURSUING
EMPLOYMENT OFFER.

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(4) 28 JANUARY 1963 BROWN WROTE LITRELL FROM NEW YORK CITY, STATING HE INTERESTED IN JOB AND REQUESTED \$75 FOR TRAVEL NEW YORK CITY TO MOBILE. 2 FEBRUARY 63 BROWN RECEIVED REPLY FROM LITRELL, RE-STATING THAT HE HAD A JOB WAITING FOR BROWN IN ALABAMA, BUT QUESTIONING WHY \$75 NEEDED SINCE FARE LESS THAN \$40 BY BUS.

(5) AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH RELATIVE AND FRIENDS IN NEW YORK CITY, BROWN SUSPICIONED THAT LITRELL JOB OFFER RELATED WITH ASSASSINATION PLANS FOR DR. KING. THEREFORE HE DID NOT RESPOND TO LITRELL LETTER AND DISMISSED INCIDENT UNTIL DEATH OF DR. KING IN APRIL 1968. BROWN RETURNED PANAMA IN 1964.

2. A PHOTOCOPY OF LITRELL LETTER OF 2 FEBRUARY 1963 WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ^{YOUR BUREAU} ~~THE BUREAU~~. THIS OFFICE HAS NO TRACES ON BROWN OR LITRELL.

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